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Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—" Was the hon. the Minister aware at the time of nominating this gentleman, that the gentleman named last in clause (a) of the answer, viz., Mr. Jayaramamurti Padayachi, is the brother-in-law of his nominee, his wife's brother ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" As I said, the hon. Member possesses more information than I have."

Representation of Adi-Dravidas and Christians in taluk boards in Nellore district.

* 840 Q.—Mr. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state with reference to the answer to question No. 148 answered on 5th September 1928, regarding the representation of Adi-Dravidas and Christians in the taluk boards in Nellore district, whether the information called for has been received by the Government ; and, if not, why not ?

A.—Yes. On the 30th June 1928, there were four Adi-Andhras on four taluk boards and one Christian also on one of them. The President, District Board, reports that an Adi-Andhra has since been appointed to two more taluk boards.

Alleged non-payment of compensation allowance to teachers under Kavali Taluk Board.

* 841 Q.—Mr B RAMACHANDRA REDDI : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that funds for the payment of a ' compensatory allowance ' of Rs. 2 per month per trained teacher, are given to the Kavali Taluk Board every year ;

(b) if so, whether the Government have received any representations that the teachers have not been paid that allowance from 1922–23 ; and

(c) if so, what action the Government have taken or propose to take thereon ?

A.—(a) The Taluk Board, Kavali, is receiving a subsidy of Rs. 5,160 every year from Provincial funds representing one-half of the expenditure on the payment of an allowance of Rs. 4 per mensem to teachers in its elementary schools, subject to the condition that the board pays the allowance meeting the other half of the expenditure from its funds.

(b) & (c) No.

Division of electoral areas of the taluk boards in Kistna district into polling areas.

* 842 Q.—The ZAMINDAR OF GOLLAPALLI : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the basis on which the division of electoral areas into polling circles of the various taluk boards of Kistna District Board is being made ; whether the division will be the same as that for the Legislative Council elections ;

(b) the reason for the decrease in the number of voters in the electoral lists of the Nuzvid Taluk Board, Kistna district ; and

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(c) whether the opinions of the ex-presidents of each taluk board will be taken into consideration in forming the above divisions and, if so, to what extent?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) Information has been called for.

Improvements to the causeway across the Pennar.

*843 Q.—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the causeway across the Pennar at Chennur in the Cuddapah district is in a very bad condition;

(b) whether at the Chennur end it is so low that every time when freshes are received deposits of silt form over it for a long distance and make it absolutely unfit for use almost all the time;

(c) whether the middle portion of the causeway is always full of very deep inundated ruts;

(d) whether the Government will consider the question of building a bridge across the Pennar at this spot; and

(e) if the answer to (d) should be in the negative, whether they will take immediate steps to raise the Chennur end of the causeway as also to use better methods and material for constructing the damaged portion in the middle?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) A copy of the President's report [a], dated 18th November 1928, is placed on the table.

(d) & (e) The question of improving the causeway in accordance with the suggestions of the Superintending Engineer is under the consideration of the district board. The question of constructing a bridge at the place is for the district board to consider in the first instance.

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao:—"May I know from the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government what the suggestions of the Superintending Engineer are in regard to this matter?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan:—"I am afraid I cannot give this information at present because I do not possess it."

Contributions by local bodies to institutions as the university.

*844 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. Swami: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether the Government have permitted any local body or local bodies to contribute money to any separate institutions such as a university?

A.—The question, it is understood, refers to contributions by local bodies to the Andhra University. The attention of Government has recently been drawn to a printed circular purporting to have been issued by the President, District Board, Guntur, the Chairmen of the Guntur and Bezwada Municipal Councils and others promising donations aggregating Rs. 15 lakhs to the Andhra University conditionally upon Bezwada being declared

[a] Printed as Appendix V on page 527 infra.